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COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR NAMED TO NATIONAL POST

ED BOKS NAMED BOARD MEMBER FOR NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION

(Phoenix) -- Maricopa County Animal Control Director Ed Boks has been recognized for his innovative programs. Boks has been named to the National Animal Control Association (NACA) Board of Directors.

Boks designed, developed and implemented the County's Spay/Neuter Program. The program ensures that none of the animals adopted from Animal Control Services (ACS) will ever contribute to the County's pet overpopulation problem. He created the Pet Adoption Center, the first municipal adoption center of its type in the nation. It includes a get acquainted park, dog obedience and agility classes. Boks is currently in the process of enhancing the County's off-site adoption program, by securing grant funds to purchase a "petmobile", a 32-foot climate controlled coach to humanely transport animals to all parts of the county. He has been with ACS for 12 years.

ACS serves 24 cities and towns located in Maricopa County as well as the unincorporated areas. The County serves as home to nearly 604,000 dogs and 650,000 cats.

By continuing to develop new programs aimed at protecting the people and pets of Maricopa County, Director Boks hopes to make the County a national leader in animal control.

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